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Description: A German translation of extracts from the original French. He states that were Karikari on the throne there would be a good chance that the Mission would be allowed to start work in Kumasi. (31st Aug) Dilger returning from Agogo and Kumawu doubt if these tribes (it is not clear which of the preceding names Asante Akim, Agogo and Kumawu are implied) are in earnest about their suggestion of an alliance with Kwahu - that was the product only of a momentary state of hopelessness. They belong to Asante, 'which after all is best'. Dilger met a general expectancy that Karikari with his experience would eventually ascend the throne, and also that he would allow the opening of schools. (21st Sep) Ansah reports that he has been called to the Governor to discuss Asante affairs. People say Karikari is dead, but Ansah does not believe this. Yesterday a man arrived in Abtifi from Kumawu who assured Ramseyer that Karikari was alive. He had been arrested while on his way to Nkoransa to raise reinforcements. At the moment he is held near to Kumasi. The same man said that there was little doubt that Karikari would be made king - with the exception of a few chiefs this was the wish of the whole people.

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